--- RG-653 - 5 Cigars - Series “C” - 1938 - *imperforate* - 22 x 28 mm. - scanned at 150% scale ---

--- “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby [2-23D] - a 5 mm. Gothic four-digit horizontal blue number - from 1952-53 ---

Imperial Tobacco’s “Empire Division”, Granby, used **RG-653**, the small green *imperforate* five cigars, during the early 1950’s.

RG-653 - 5 cigars, *imperforate*, coded **2-23D / 2363** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, P.Q.
Stamped marked like **211** are not in the collection - they come from eBay

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And in the **3000** range the following have been found. The fourth digit presents a problem. I would like to think that it represents the day of the week, but I have located very few examples.

RG-653 - 5 cigars, *imperforate*, coded **2-23D / 3101** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, P.Q.

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--- "Imperial Tobacco", Granby [2-23D] - a single 5 mm. Gothic four-digit horizontal blue number - from 1954? ---

At **4130** the cancellation is in blue ink, and the 2½ mm. **2-23D** company code now reads horizontally across the top. Under the April 6th 1954 Budget, the sequence has abandoned the week / day numbering, and has gone to a continuous sequence reading the month of production.

RG-653 - 5 cigars, *imperforate*, coded **2-23D / 4130** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, P.Q.

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--- "Imperial Tobacco", Granby [2-23D] - a single 5 mm. Gothic four-digit horizontal black number - from 1954? ---

By **4143** the cancellation is in black ink, and the 2½ mm. **2-23D** company code now reads horizontally across the top.

RG-653 - 5 cigars, *imperforate*, coded **2-23D / 4143** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, P.Q.

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NOTE: All of the black or red codes listed (e.g. **1ATC, 125, 4205** etc.) are found in the cancellation collection. Any codes highlighted in yellow (e.g. **3BBC**) were taken from eBay and ***are not*** in the collection.

--- “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby [2-23D] - with twin 5 mm. Gothic four-digit vertical numbers - from 1954? ---

By **4145** the cancellation is doubled and reads vertically down in black ink, and the 2½ mm. **2-23D** company code now reads horizontally across the bottom.

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Around the time of the April 1954 Budget, the imperforate, ***orange-red***, six cigar Series “C” began use at Granby. The coding initially used parallels that used on the 5 cigar stamp, even to the point of using ***blue ink*** in their early cancellations.

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